

The Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MICC)

Quick Notes

May 9, 2008

Action Items:

- ▶ Julie Lagos was elected MICC Co-Chair and Laura Jensen Hunt was elected MICC Secretary.
- ▶ The Parent Involvement Committee's revised charge was accepted.
- ▶ The Council accepted the recommendation of the Parent Support Ad Hoc to reimburse parents at the former higher rate rather than at a flat rate for participation.
- ▶ An Ad Hoc Budget Committee was formed to (A) Look at the budget in detail and recommend and prioritize how to allocate the federal funds and (B) Review the current funding formula for ISDs and perhaps propose a new formula.
- ▶ The MICC recommends the use of the DECA-I/T for evaluations and also that the state develops a way to provide training to the field in order to use the tool effectively.

Presentations:

- Redesign Update

Redesign was done in an effort to identify where *Early On* was, where it needed to go, and how it would get there. Several steps have been completed, including: Identify Key Causes and Forces, Define Results, and Convene Results teams. A recommendation to change the eligibility requirements from 'any delay' to a 20 percent delay in one or more developmental areas, adjusting for pre-maturity up to 24 months has gone out for public comment and will now be submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) for approval. The Budget Ad Hoc Committee will recommend the allocation of resources and the creation of a strategic plan and budget.

- Budgeting for *Early On* Presentation

Vanessa Winborne shared a budget presentation with the Council which entailed how federal funds are spent, what is required for the Part C system, and the history of spending for the past three fiscal years. After a detailed discussion, a Budget Ad Hoc Committee was formed and will report to the MICC at the September meeting.

- Report on Public Comments received

The public comment period ended, comments were discussed, and decisions were made based on received input. Some highlights include:

- The Established Conditions list has been updated to reflect current terminology and clarify that Mental Health conditions have a high probability of leading to developmental delay.
- In addition to hearing impairment, vision deficiencies will be added to the list.
- The category of Neurological Disorders will be retained.
- The proposed Eligibility Criteria will be adopted and sent to OSEP for approval. For clarification, the proposed eligibility definition will apply only to children referred to *Early On* after the adoption of these rules.

The final Part C Regulations have not been released; however, more changes may possibly be incorporated into the State Plan to align with the Regulations.

- Social Emotional Pilot Report

The Social Emotional Ad Hoc Committee recommended the DECA-I/T along with the IDA (or other assessment tool) be utilized when evaluating infants and toddlers for *Early On* eligibility. Additionally, *Early On* coordinators will receive training on the DECA-I/T statewide and have access to technical assistance regarding the DECA-I/T and social emotional health. The MICC supported both recommendations.

2008 MICC Meetings:

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| Sept. 12, 2008 | 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. | MDE, State Board of Education Room |
| Nov. 14, 2008 | 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. | MDE, State Board of Education Room |

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